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## PUBLIC PROGRAMS APRIL 24 OUTLINED FOR SCHOOL WEEK

Monday, April 20, begins the 12th annual observance of California Public School Week. Residents of Torrance and vicinity are urged to attend the informal reception and exhibition planned for Friday evening, April 24, at both the Torrance Elementary and Torrance High schools.

Public School Week was originally instituted by the Grand Lodge of California, F. & A. M., in 1918 to call the attention of the public to the critical condition of the schools due to a shortage of teachers caused by the war, the idea of bringing the people generally into closer touch with their schools proved increasingly popular. The celebration is now an established annual institution during the last week of April.

The Torrance Masonic lodge, through the enthusiastic cooperation of the faculties of the schools here, has arranged for an outstanding program that should be attended by all parents and friends of the institutions. The Fern Street, Carson Street and Walteria schools are also having exhibits at the same hour as the Elementary school here.

According to the program arranged, the reception and inspection of exhibits will take place from 6 to 7 p. m. at all schools. The teachers will be in their respective class rooms to meet the parents, explain the work on display and consult with them as to the children's welfare.

Speaker at High School  
At 8 p. m. a program will be held in both the Torrance Elementary and Torrance High school auditoriums. The parents and visitors are asked to attend the program given in the school that their children attend. At the Elementary school Principal William M. Bell Jr. has arranged for the presentation of a short school work exhibition and motion pictures.

At the high school auditorium, Principal Herbert S. Wood will present a series of three-minute sketches and educational features reviewing the work of the various departments of the school. Following this, he will introduce H. B. Adams, of the speakers' bureau of the Security-First National Bank, who will talk on the subject, "The Great Crowd." The program will close promptly at 9:30 p. m.

Many New Methods  
It is hoped that the people of Torrance and vicinity will take an especial interest in the program scheduled for Friday evening, April 24, and show the school workers that they are really interested in the progress of education.

While, in a newer educational day, the "three Rs" still remain the fundamentals of education, the primary purpose of Public School Week is to bring the newer school methods before the attention of the generation of the original "three Rs."

## Strange Matrimonial Tangle Is "Enoch Arden" Poem Modernized

When Tennyson wrote his romantic poem of Enoch Arden—he was unhampered by modern laws and customs—so when the hero, long mourned as dead, returned to find his wife wedded to another, he gracefully faded out of the picture. But times and customs change.

Acting according to the modern version, Rev. Harold E. Ingersoll, former pastor of the Lomita Community Presbyterian church, has filed suit for annulment of his marriage to Helen Nelson Ingersoll because R. P. Nelson, Mrs. Ingersoll's former husband who disappeared in 1923, was recently found at Terminal Island, employed at that time by the Los Angeles Fire Department.

Nelson's Memory Vague  
Unlike Enoch Arden, Nelson had not grown a long unkempt beard, but a deep jagged scar now runs across his forehead. Records show that he had been employed by the Fire Department at the San Pedro, Wilmington and Terminal Island stations from February, 1924, to February, 1931.

Questioned concerning the happenings between the time of his disappearance and his entering the employ of the city of Los Angeles, Nelson answered laconically, "I don't know." Little was known about "Gabe," as he was called by his associates, who considered him a rather silent, moody fellow. Little Margaret Nelson, daughter of Mrs. Ingersoll, was born in August, 1923, after her father was reported missing.

Husband Said "Shanghaied"  
Rev. Ingersoll married Mrs. Nelson in May, 1923—nearly six years after Nelson was supposed to have disappeared. The ceremony was performed at Anaheim, where Mrs. Ingersoll filed her suit for divorce March 10. After their marriage, Rev. Ingersoll came direct to Lomita to accept a call to the Community Presbyterian church. In November, 1930, Rev. Ingersoll resigned his church and the family left Lomita.

It is reported that Rev. Ingersoll's annulment papers were served

## Herbert S. Wood To Be President Of Rotary Club

New Officers to Be Seated  
At First Meeting  
In July

On July 2, Herbert S. Wood, principal of the Torrance High school, will take office as president of the Torrance Rotary club. Wood was chosen the new leader of the service organization at the meeting held last week. He succeeds Sam Levy.

Bruce Bilger, Torrance agent for the Standard Oil Company, was chosen vice president, and Ed Nelson, cashier of the First National Bank, was re-elected secretary-treasurer. The other officers, sergeant-at-arms, song leader, chairmen and members of committees, will be appointed by the new board of directors at the first meeting in July when the club's fiscal year starts.

The 1931-32 board of directors chosen last week are Bilger, Harvel Guttenfelder, W. Rufus Page, Wood and George Fay. Wood has been a Rotarian for the past six years. Levy has had a successful year in office and will retire with the sincere congratulations of his fellow members. The incoming president has been some leader of the organization for the past four years.

## Water District Now on Radio

Presenting Story of West's  
Conquest by Water

Water—and the dominant, dramatic role it has always played in the conquest of the West. Such is the subject of a series of colorful and authentic historical sketches to be presented by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California in a new weekly radio feature which started last night at 7:15 over Station KMTR.

Presented under the direction of Don Kinsey, director of public information for the Metropolitan District, of which Torrance is a member-city, the new radio feature will be devoted to colorful and important episodes in the long battle that has been waged throughout the Southwest for the development, control and use of water. These sketches, it is understood, will unfold the romantic and, frequently, the tragic part that water has played in the winning of the West and, in fact, throughout recorded history.

## Poison Case Opens In Court April 30

Mrs. Esther Carlson and Mrs. Anna Erickson, jointly charged with poisoning August Lindstrom at his home in Lomita on February 10, will go to trial in the Superior Court in Los Angeles Thursday morning, April 30.

This information was given the Herald this week by Deputy District Attorney George Stahlman, who has been conducting the investigation of the case and who will head its prosecution. Stahlman said that both of the Lomita women were now confined in the prison ward of the county hospital but that he believed their conditions were not serious.

## 277 BIRDS BETTER



THAN THE OLD saying about one stone and two birds was Jack Reid's feat of killing 279 quail with a single shot. Reid, who lives in Oroville, sought to exterminate the pests by placing 47 sticks of dynamite camouflaged in willow bark among trees where the birds congregated. A single pressure of the trigger set off the explosives and killed the birds.

## Fresh Air Kiddy Cub Co.



DOLORES RENE, Seattle baby, went to the zoo one day last week and tried to get Amos 'n' Andy, diminutive bear cubs, to provide motive power for her kiddy car. Amos, on the left, seems to be telling her the world that he doesn't think much of the idea while Andy is still suffering from his old desire to lie down and rest. The two cubs are six weeks old and were brought to the Seattle zoo by a woodsman after their mother had been killed.

## P. E. Changes Train Time On Route to City

Two trains have been dropped from the Pacific Electric schedule to and from Torrance, according to a new time table now in effect here. One of the discarded trains will run Saturdays and Sundays, however.

Under the new schedule, the last train to Los Angeles from this city on week days, leaves Torrance at 10:22 p. m. to arrive at 11:09 in Los Angeles. Saturdays and Sundays a train will run at 11:50 p. m. from Torrance to arrive in Los Angeles at 12:36 a. m. The 9:08 p. m. train to Los Angeles has been entirely eliminated. The first train leaving this city departs at 5:14 a. m. as usual.

Between Los Angeles and Torrance, the last week day train leaves at 10:10 p. m. to arrive here at 11:03 p. m. Saturdays and Sundays the former 11:30 p. m. schedule will be retained. This train arrives in Torrance at 12:16 a. m. The 8:40 p. m. train from Los Angeles has been eliminated. The first train from Los Angeles to Torrance leaves at 5:10 a. m., five minutes earlier than formerly, and arrives here at 6 a. m.

## New High School Club Functioning

Charter members of the new Hi-Y club, recently organized at the Torrance High school under the auspices of the faculty and the Y. M. C. A., were inducted last night at the Christian church. The ceremonies were managed by Harry A. White, field representative of the Y. M. C. A. A team from the Long Beach Hi-Y club put on a demonstration meeting to show the new club members how a business and entertainment session should be conducted.

The Torrance Hi-Y charter members are: Elwin Jarrett, John Elmer Wilson, Page, Bert Merrill, Harry Putnam, Robert Totton, Robert Hannan, Warren Sapp, Wilfred Tidland, Laurence Stevenson, Robert Nourse, William Loftus, Sidney Nickerson, Kenneth Clutter, Francis Deane, George Lancaster, Charles Longueux, Lee Herrington, Harry Putnam, Leland Elder and Alfred Mintun.

FORMER VICAR HONORED  
Rev. A. C. Lyle, formerly of Torrance, has been made assistant to Dean Boal of St. Paul's Cathedral in Los Angeles. Since his ordination to the ministry, Mr. Lyle has been vicar of the Church of the Redeemer, Los Angeles.

## Jurisdiction of Court in City's Suit Is Awaited

Decision Expected in Few  
Days, Attorney  
Writes Mayor

The city's water suit to test the validity of the \$400,000 water bond issue, voted September 25, has been filed and now a decision is expected from a division of the Appellate Court within the next few days to settle the question of that particular court's jurisdiction in the controversy.

This was the information given Mayor John Dennis this week by James L. Beebe, member of the firm of O'Melveny, Tuller and Myer, the special counsel engaged by the city to prosecute the suit. Beebe's letter to Mayor Dennis follows:

"A petition for writ of mandate to compel the City Treasurer to sign the bonds of Act of 1927, Municipal Improvement District No. 1 of the City of Torrance has been filed in the District Court of Appeal, Second District, Division One. The case is Civil No. 7368. This has been done pursuant to the instructions of your City Council.

"Please be advised that we anticipate that the District Court of Appeal will take jurisdiction in the matter. However, whether or not it will assume jurisdiction is entirely within the discretion of the court and no showing of any nature would be sufficient to require that the court take jurisdiction. If the court does not take jurisdiction in the particular case we will discuss with you further methods of procedure."

## Woman Pioneer Dies in Lomita

Mrs. Maria Callero Is Heart  
Attack Victim

One of the best loved pioneers in the Harbor District, Mrs. Maria Callero, of Lomita and San Pedro, died suddenly last night while visiting at the home of her son John at 1323 Cypress street, Lomita. She was 55 years old.

Mrs. Callero had won the friendship of a large number of South Bay residents for her kind and unselfish manner and her family's high standing in the community. The Calleros have owned property in Lomita and San Pedro for more than 20 years. She is survived by her husband, Angelo, and a number of children. It is believed she passed away as the result of a heart attack.

At the time of going to press no arrangements had been made for the funeral, but it is thought that the services will be held Saturday. The body is at Stone and Myers in Torrance.

## CORN LIQUOR

With 201 members enrolled, the Bert S. Crossland Post, No. 170, American Legion, has an excellent chance to win high state honors for exceeding its quota of 125 members in a membership drive which concluded Tuesday night.

The local Legion post fulfilled its quota by 160.8 per cent, an excellent record in this district if not the entire state. Last year the Torrance post had but 156 members at this time.



MAYOR E. E. ROBERTS, of Reno, who is seeking re-election, is basing his campaign on a program not to interfere in any manner with the free and easy administration policies which have characterized his term of office to date. Two other candidates have entered the race, but all have promised that they will make no issue of wide-open gambling and prohibition. Roberts is famous for his oft-repeated plan of putting barrels of corn liquor at every street corner for the free consumption of all thirsty citizens.

## LIBRARY TO CHANGE ITS BOOK PLAN

Notice is being given book borrowers at the Torrance branch of the Los Angeles County Free Library this week that the institution has grown to such size that it is necessary to change its system of charging books. Under the new system each patron will receive a borrower's card which must be presented each time a book is borrowed or returned. Books must always be returned to the library from which they were drawn.

The purpose of this change, according to Mrs. Isabel Henderson, local librarian, is to save time in charging and discharging books at the library desk and to give the patron a receipt for books borrowed or returned. Under this system each patron will have no difficulty with anyone else borrowing books on his card, unless he personally loans it.

A borrower's last card must be reported two weeks before a duplicate may be issued and the duplicate card will cost five cents. A charge of two cents will be made each time a book is returned without the borrower's card because of the extra work required to write a receipt.

## Watching 'Em Legislate

Sidelights on Our Solons  
Observed This Week for  
the Torrance Herald by  
the United Press

It is a source of constant amusement to both the assembly and senate that Assemblyman T. M. Wright, San Jose, author of California's prohibition enforcement act, is frequently the guest in the senate of Senator Tallant Tubbs, San Francisco, "wet" leader who sought repeal of the Wright act. And Tubbs is often in the assembly seated at Wright's desk.

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Senator Henry E. Carter of Los Angeles, doesn't believe (Continued on Page 8-A)

## SANTA FE OFFERS TO SELL CITY 18-ACRE PARK SITE

\$2000 Per Acre is the Price Set by Railroad  
Company for Property; Holding  
Company's Offer on File

It is expected that City Attorney Perry G. Briney will submit the necessary legal papers to the City Council next Tuesday night to call a special bond election sometime next month to decide whether or not the city will issue bonds amounting to \$150,000 for the purpose of purchasing and developing a large city park.

In answer to a request by a committee of the Chamber of Commerce which has been negotiating for the purchase of a park site in Torrance from the Santa Fe Land and Improvement Association, U. T. Clotfelter, in charge of the properties of the C.-C. M. O. here, stated yesterday that he

was authorized by the Chicago office of the railroad company to make the following offer to the city:

The Santa Fe will sell a rectangular piece of property fronting on Torrance (Radford) boulevard west of Hickory street and south to Sonoma avenue, comprising approximately 18 acres, for \$2000 per acre. This sum is equivalent, he said, to the price paid by the C.-C. M. O., a subsidiary of the Santa Fe, to the Dominion Land Corporation, plus the carrying charges to date. Reserve Offsetting Privilege

The property has 660 feet frontage on Torrance boulevard and is 1180 feet deep and comprises all of Blocks 2, 3 and 13. The Santa Fe does not own the property which borders the park site on Sonoma avenue on the south and Hickory street on the east, and in the railroad company's proposal to the city, it reserves the right to enter the park property and offset wells which may be drilled at any future date across the streets from the park property.

The city of Torrance is also prohibited by the company's terms, from drilling for oil on the park site and the Santa Fe agrees not to exercise its right to drill on the park property only in the event it is necessary to offset wells of other landholders on the two sides of the park site which the company does not own.

Negotiations for a civic recreational center have been underway with the Santa Fe since 1925, and this is the first offer in the event it is necessary to offset wells of other landholders on the two sides of the park site which the company does not own.

"During absence late Monday afternoon Assembly passed bill by four majority after bitter contest. Reconsideration resolution failed this morning (Tuesday). Matter now goes to Senate, our last resort. Eleven pledged votes, apparently traded or sold out: A rough road is ahead evidently."

## 201 Members In Legion Post Now

Drive Ends With Quota of  
125 Left in Dust

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## Mr. and Mrs. Charles Eade Have Happy Golden Wedding Party

LOMITA.—Fifty years ago, April 14, 1881, Effie Briggs became the bride of Thomas Eade in London, England. Tuesday the home of their son, Charles Eade on Cypress street, was bright with yellow blooms as a happy couple, 74 years young, received the congratulations of friends and relatives. Gifts and bouquets and wedding cakes arrived all day and evening.

Messages from the bridesmaid, now living in New Zealand; the best man, now living in Canada, and a daughter, Mrs. Mabel Wilson, and Mrs. Mabel Lovelock Eade of London, added to the day's happiness. Members of the family in America, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Eade, and children, Tom, Constance, Vera, and Joan of Los Angeles; Rev. and Mrs. Thompson Eade, Joyce and Vivian Eade of Pomona; and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Eade, Mrs. Kenneth Cline, Marjorie, Kenneth and Patricia Eade of Lomita, gathered with the bride and groom about a long table, gay with yellow blooms and candles for a wedding dinner.

was held for the many friends and the members of the Calvary Evangelical church attended in a body. All the members of the family, from bride and groom to every grandchild are musically inclined and play some instrument, no music was a feature of the reception. Old English songs were sung by Mrs. Tom Willacy, Mrs. Wheeler Newman and guests.

In 1906 Mr. and Mrs. Eade left England for Canada and four years ago followed their children to California and established their home at 1410 Oak street, Lomita. Both are well and happy.

"I've had my own way for the first 50 years, now it's my wife's turn for the second 50," said the groom, but oh, the twinkle in the bride's eyes!